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Soviet Is Using Trucks U.S. Technology Built In Afghan Operations

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — Trucks produced at the huge plant on the Kama River in central Russia that was built largely with American technology have been identified with Soviet military forces in Afghanistan, according to a confidential Commerce Department memorandum.

The document, dated Dec. 31 and signed by Homer E. Moyer Jr., a legal officer who on that day was the Acting Secretary, adds another element to a heated controversy in the Administration over policy on controls on the export of goods and technology to the Soviet Union.

The agreement under which the United States provided assistance to the project contained no restriction on the use of the vehicles. According to the Russians the plant produces only heavy tractor-trailer rigs, but there have been reports that smaller trucks with possible military applications are built there.

The memo, which went to a Cabinet-level interagency panel, the Export Administration Review Board, says the information was obtained by the Central Intelligence Agency. Those receiving copies were the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Treasury and the head of the National Security Council.

Two Licenses at Issue

The immediate issue before the review board is whether to revoke two licenses for computer spare parts for the truck plant, which is on a tributary of the Volga 550 miles east of Moscow. What is the world's largest heavy-duty automotive works rose with Western European and American technology and equipment during the mid-1970's, a period of detente. American participation was valued at more than \$400 million.